

Congressman Jim Langevin (RI-02)

Congressman Jim Langevin (LAN'-jih-vin) is a senior member of the [House Armed Services Committee](#), on which he chairs the [Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems \(CITI\) Subcommittee](#) and serves on the Subcommittees on [Seapower and Projection Forces](#) and [Strategic Forces](#). He is a senior member of the [Committee on Homeland Security](#) and serves on its Subcommittees on [Intelligence & Counterterrorism](#) and [Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, & Innovation](#).

Langevin was one of four legislators appointed to serve on the [Cyberspace Solarium Commission](#), and he co-founded the [Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus](#), which he still co-chairs, to increase awareness around the need for stronger cybersecurity. A national leader on securing our nation's technology infrastructure against cyber threats, Langevin has authored or co-authored dozens of pieces of cybersecurity legislation, including most recently the National Cyber Director Act.

As co-chair of the bipartisan [Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus](#), Langevin advocates to improve and increase access to training that gives students and workers the skills that best fit the needs of expanding industries. He has successfully fought for strong CTE funding under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act and has worked to foster employer-educator partnerships and career training programs across a variety of career fields in Rhode Island.

A voice for those facing health challenges, Langevin championed passage of a bipartisan bill to expand services for families caring for their elderly and disabled loved ones. He is a strong advocate for inclusion and independence for people with disabilities and helped pass the [ADA Amendments Act](#) that strengthened the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

State Service

After serving as secretary for the state's Constitutional Convention in 1986, Langevin won election to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and in 1994, became the nation's youngest Secretary of State. His leadership resulted in reforms to Rhode Island's outdated election system and a landmark report documenting widespread violations of the state's Open Meetings Law. He served in that role until winning election to Congress in 2000.

Personal Biography

Langevin is the first quadriplegic to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

At the age of 16, Langevin was injured while working with the Warwick Police Department in the Boy Scout Explorer program. A gun accidentally discharged and a bullet struck Langevin, leaving him paralyzed. The tremendous outpouring of support from his community inspired Langevin to give something back and enter public service. He is driven by the belief that everyone deserves a fair opportunity to make the most of their talents.

Langevin graduated from Rhode Island College and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He resides in Warwick, Rhode Island.